(2) Restoration of Miraj-Sangli line (7.7 kms.).

(3) Bringing Old Madhavnagar on the main line by providing a chord between Nandare and New Sangli on Pune-Miraj section.

(4) Parallel B.G. line between Bareilly and Bhojipura and conversion of M.G. line into B.G. from Bhojipura to Kathgodam (109 kms.).

(5) Conversion of M.G. line into B.G. from Katihar to Siliguri-New Jalpaiguri (209 kms.). This work has been deleted to avoid cutting off the M.G. link to North East States. In lieu thereof, line capacity of the existing B.G. route is being augmented.

Planning Commission have not agreed to take up the following works due to constraint of resources:

(1) New B.G. line from Sultanpur to Rewa (266 kms.).

(2) New B.G. line from Tamluk-Digha (80 kms.).

(3) Conversion of M.G. line into B.G. from Delhi to Sabarmati (925 kms.).

Planning Commission's clearance is also awaited for the following projects ;—

(1) New B.G. line from Budge Budge-Namkhana, including Lakshmikantpur-Kulpi line (100 kms.).

(2) New B. G. line from Satna to Rewa (50 kms.).

(3) New B.G. line from Guna to Etawah (348 kms).

(b) Details of new works approved during the current financial year are given in the Railway Budget 1985-86. So far as further new works are concerned, the question of taking them up will depend on their justification and availability of resources.

(c) Not known.

Proposed coach factory in Punjab

1969. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the progress made so far in the proposed coach factory to be set up in Punjab;

(b) how much land is required for the project; and

(c) whether the land being acquired is agricultural or non-agricultural?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) A Committee had been set up for selection of site and other allied matters in connection with speedy progress of the Project. The Committee's report has since been received and is under examination.

(b) Approximately 350 hectares of land may be required. The factory is proposed to be located at a distance of about 5 Kms from Kapurthala on the Kapurthala-Sultanpur Road.

(c) Land is proposed to be acquired. The proposed land is low value with poor agricultural yield.

Alleged coercion by D.T.C. Staff of woman victim

1970. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Times of India of 3rd July, 1985 under the caption "Coercion by D.T.C. staff of woman victim alleged" to the effect that the D.T.C. staff were pressurising the woman, who had fallen out of a running bus on 28th June, 1985, to withdraw the complaint of assault against the D.T.C. crew;

(b) whether the D.T.C. has carried out any enquiry into the allegation;

(c) if so, what are the findings; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Even before the news item appeared in the Times of India, the DTC management had initiated action on receipt of the complaint from other sources. The lady and the co-passenger involved in the incident were contacted by the DTC officers at their residence. Written complaints were received from them and a regular enquiry was initiated. On the basis of the enquiry, the services of the Driver were terminated immediatly and the Conductor was placed under suspension

(d) Does not arise.

Inadequate, slow medical relief to Bhopal Gas victims

1971. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 8th June, 1985 regards quate, slow relief to Bhopal gas victims: and

(b) whether the Central Government propose to rush medicines immediately for the gas affected people and if not, what are the reasons therefor

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the request of the State Government the Union Government has already arranged to supply adequate quantity of Sodium Thiosulphate to the State Government. No other request for the supply of any other drugs and medicines has been received.

Bhopal gas victims

1972. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 1st July, 1985 wherein it has been stated that people in Bhopal are still dying as a result of exposure to MIC even after seven months of gas tragedy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Government are aware of the press report.

(b) The information is being collected from the Government of Madhya Pradesh and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

(c) In order to tackle the health problem of the gas victims on a priority basis the State Government of Madhya Pradesh have augmented the existing health infrastructure as detailed below:—

1. One thirty bedded hospital with X-ray, Laboratory and Blood Analysor facilities.
2. One Polyclinic with X-ray Laboratory facilties.
3. Two clinics.
4. Four dispensaries.
5. One 20 bedded Eye hospital